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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT C

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APPLICANT: Robert KUTKA DOCKET NO: P99,2301
SERIAL NO.: 09/423,454 ART UNIT: 2613

FILED: November 8, 1999 EXAMINER: Allen C. WONG
CONF. NO.: 6761

TITLE: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENCODING AND
DECODING A DIGITIZED IMAGE WITH PICTURE ELEMENTS

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action, Paper 12, dated August 26, 2003, and the telephone interview with the Examiner conducted on October 23, 2003.

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In response to the Office Action (OA) and Telephone Interview, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Pursuant to an agreement with the Examiner during the interview, Applicant requests a first office action telephone interview with Applicant's representative to expedite this case.

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